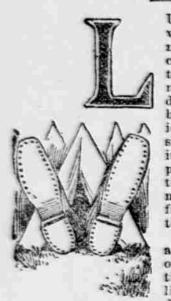
A Humorous Disquisition on the Soldier's Habitation.



USTROUS among the war's unfading remicontour of the shelter tent. It lingers in

original scheme of put-

sibility.

prestige in the counsels of Halleck, General in- emption from rational accountability.

ridors ring with the battle-cry for freedom | the triumph possible.

haste to repent at Sioux Falls. Woven of white cotton spun to fascine rigidity, | dent.

Styled "tent" in the sardonic nomenclature of temptation.

Thus our legions became prolific of incipient partnerships and enforced dualities. The inexorable flat that, in all great Nature's lumi-Tent-mates or comrades came to be the cor- cleanly and stylish as a salad dressed in oil. porate appellation of these co-efficients, and hates, whereof the world holds record to this

The shelter tent had neither veranda nor Then glad repose comes to fill the few short its blameless exterior; no black closets, fanged timess, lurked in its dreadful depths.

Guildless of tapestry, even of paper tattooed mad riot of sumptuousness, hoisted above its rick, rough joinery of boards, or logs, or turf,

for no door on which a faintest shimmer could be hung graced the wide frontal vacancy. Who entered here left his bon ton behind.

Destitute also was the shelter tent of the the guest-chamber, voluble in prophecies of to 40 acres of swamp land in a school section.

Minus likewise were the chandeliers, meto the weather. No stairways had the shelter tent, winding tables.

or otherwise. These knee-wrenching postulates of civilization, a stumbling-place to the spring a bill of extras for the newel.

ness, teeming with bug and lizard life, eximperiled those who were here quartered, con- | Meissonier, Millias or Rembrandt. demning them to uncanny comradeship with

mation, since the contracted area precluded | voiced, invisible and anonymous.

simultaneousness as well as latitudinarianism.

thrust not its aluminum barb above the crest some adjacent smoke-house holds a yawning of this domicile, like a reed shaken by the vacancy. wind, mute witness to each passer of the In this last-named recentacle we may also

owner's sweet credulity. need, unfettered with extraneous embellish- nations, the customary ration of his daily gulp ment, thus shorn of non-essentials, the shelter and growl. Here is the hard, hard bread, tent stood manifestly reduced to last analysis stamped B. C. and warranted that age cannot of bare utility, the plainest among ten thousand | wither nor bicuspid masticate; the acrid and and the one altogether unflashy. But it had | bellicose pork, premonitory of thirst and tapeeven further lack of modern conveniences worm, rich in albuminates, but utterly povdeemed indispensable. Habitually there was erty-stricken as to savor, odor and social status. no floor; of windows glazed or glazeless it was Here is raw beef from the east rump of a most

dreamed of. Bath, buffet, pantry, and re- soup is the toughness thereof, no less. thunder of furnace captains, and the steam- romance, most potent, grave and carbo-hydrate heat shoutings were unheard. Venetian blinds | provender, seductive as a jack-pot, and satis-

asphyxiating union-depot aroma floated. Guiltwire-lights incandescent gleam-they were

not: they had never been!

Trifling in weight as was each segment of the shelter tent, unappreciable addition to the aggregate relief to the department of transpor-BY CAPT. HENRY A. CASTLE, ST. PAUL, MINN. | tation was like shriving a bad man's conscience The reduction of the regimental train from 13 wagons to three was as efficient in ultimate zonave jackets; possibly more so. The introduction of the shelter tent was thus

memory, unique and a turning-point in the annals of the war, even the shelter tent, doth garner and conceal with have for studying characteristics and vagaries; delectable, dissimilar, as the war itself was a turning-point in the an- more than scalingwax fidelity. Upon it rest | what a wonderful chance for learning the misbut equivalent to our nals of the Nation; the culmination of a long | the empty haversack, the dry canteen, waist- eries of life and how best to overcome them. ideal of those fringed | series of political events; the breaking down | belt, bayonet-scabbard, gun sling and like silken pavilions where of a lengthy line of political compromises, miscellany of unused accourrement, sharing versation lately had with Dr. J. C. Spray, of in the apoplectic des- fatile as an attempt to combine finance and pots of the orient air | delirium tremens; the upheaval of a vast agtheir scandalous mag- gregation of suppressed political forces; the nificence, amid the explosion of a mighty reservoir of hidden frockless squalor of political combastibles, and in its attendant intheir cringing herdes. | cidents as well as its remote consequences, as | for it, the pen of history or the still, small The shelter tent was | tremendous a revolution as any which freights | voice of tradition must be detailed for that | persons, there were a vast number of physical a supplement to the the records of human destiny.

ting down the rebel- sour and dreary morning drizzle step the tent- slashed, punched, shot-holed, and abraded, but | mental and indeed physical disorders very carelion-a fact, as it were, mates of last night's camp, each with his moiety | faithful and useful to the end. Scorched also, it | fully, and while some authorities make an esdehors the record. of homestead folded in the knapsack strapped Only after Bull Run and Shiloh and Antietam to his stalwart form. Marvel of more than and battled-singed, linked to its primal white- United States are afflicted with some form of ried unanimously. and luks was the Government nerved to the this marvelous spontancity of castramentation ness only as the vestal virgin of the Cuthead | kidney disease, I do not think that the rate is point of requiring its soldiery to shoulder their | is our inimitable volunteer. He bears conhouses like the mollusks, and thus relieve the stantly also his year's wardrobe, his week's totype. tuneful, uncomplaining mule of a sore respon- larder, his drink, his bed, his arsenal of projectiles, his weapons of offense, and his imple-This was an innovation whose dam was Ne- ments of toil. Strength considered, no pack- cries Havoc! and lets slip his flexile tongue cessity, and whose sire was held to be some em- horse carries a weightier lading, and yet the against pension bills because they interfere people can certainly be aware that so large a issary of Satan, with an unearned increment of | soldier is denied the dull, dumb creature's ex- | with tariff reform, would elevate his nostrils | percentage exists?'

Chief, so-called. Versatile scorners promptly He must ever stand prepared to flash at swift | quarters, and vent his disgust in a low, hoarse scheduled its pedigree for generations up and command from roughest drudgery to highest, smile, quoted from some imitation Englishman | where a person has diseased kidneys and the down. Minutest of constructed residences for most alert intelligence; must rise, with instanliving humanity, save, perhaps, the half-credi- taneous leap, from a plodding toiler to a knight | the journalistic geranium, who join in proble tub of tough Diogenes, it won a way into at arms, every tendon magnetic with the grand claiming it a threatening peril to the Republic | tem, it soon produces melancholia. As a result our reluctant liking that vindicates its title to agony of battle; must hear and comprehend that she tardily remembers her pledges to the our asylums are filled to overflowing, while if consideration among the factors of ultimate and with unreasoning alacrity obey the hasty Most portable of mundane mansions, its or certain death; must load and aim and fire, may jest at scars. They never felt a wound. der, there would be fewer patients in the asyvery littleness relieved the situation of num- advance, retreat, move right or left, fall, rise, beriess intelicities; specifically of servitude to resist the onset of the foe or charge his bris- net from rearward would ever inspire them to all paresis cases had kidney difficulties." servants, whether apple-cheeked daughter of thing lines and face the withering cyclone of his confront a foe more tangible than a Baconian . "What have you found, Doctor, to be the Denmark, or saddle-colored Cantonese with | wrath; must breathe the sulphurous smoke | cryptogram. eyes cut lins, and free-coinage lingo not on and see the red blaze flaming hotly through; sseaking terms with veracity. Likewise others | must hear the deafning roar and fearful rattle, | of the slave-sellers, and survived the grape which relegate housekeeping to the level of and amid all preserve his faculties, maintain and shrapnel of embattled treason, can respond a cautharides blister, and make the court cor- his courage and do what in him lies to make to these feeble viscidities with the silence of

mobilized veteran marches all day, with his of mankind and the damnation of history if liable remedy. I found it specially reliable in The shelter tent of our war era was a French | thinking bayonet at his side, his logical musket | they can. The surviving veterans neither | cases of incipient Bright's disease. It is cerdevice, steeped to the bem in unquestioned on his shoulder, and his prefane vecabulary | tender apologies nor demand forgetfulness. | tain to stop it, and even in the advanced conculmination of martial economies. The force | held in measurable subjection, the nominative | They cherish with pride the recollections of | ditions it allays the disease, and to my surprise of dire frugality could no step further go. agreeing with the verb occasionally by acci- the war.

and sometimes guttaperchaed to counterscarp On through the hot and bitter limestone dust tracted habitation, grander in its humility that blanches all his cuticle, then reddens eyes than the palace imperial, which domiciled a squared the average soldier's stature. Two of and nose and mouth with unsanctified inflam- patriotism that was stainless and a heroism Doctor, been confirmed in your general practhese squares, all buttoned down before, formed | mation. On through floundering quagmires of | that was sublime. Unconsidered trifle of the | tice since leaving it?" satiric mimicry was called by that | yellow mind that settles into slush, then slumps | epoch, neglected proletariat of tabernacles belproud name which in the older day had des- with slime, vivid parallel to the moral collapse ligerent, fleered and flouted shelter tent, its almost daily. Whenever I find traces of albuignated such pemp of draped and curtained of a white-souled commissary warmed by the functions in the splendid totality of achieve- men in the urine of a patient, I prescribe the pageantry as almost made ambition virtuous. beams of opportunity and trodden by the hoofs ment were by no means unimportant, if wholly | Safe Cure, and in nearly every instance where

of our nomadic days, it was in sober verity a | On through heat excruciating or cold unwrap, a cape, a kirtle, or a penche, which only endurable; through rain, sleet, hail or storm's patriotism than a shining granite shaft raised it is caused by some affection of the kidneys. by connected duplication and reduplication dread alternation of discomfort all the length- to monumentalize forgiven but unrepented I now have a patient to whom I am giving the came within the pale of that sonorous title. A ening day, footsore and halting, each nerve a treason, sonare of cotton fabric, set down one side with | roadway for pain's burning steps, each bone buttons and holes to match cut opposite-this | racked with rheumatic twinges, until night was each warrior's allotment of habitation in | brings the limping turnpike tourist to a welcome resting-place.

The bivouse then, and full-orbed glory of the pitched as soon as ranks are broken. The nous immensities, dooms each hapless male to landscape whitens with swift magic, like a seek and find his destined mate, with such | Monday clothes-line billowy with confidential rare exceptions as both earth and Heaven re- raiment. The tent-mates join the sundered vile, is not more pitiless than the decree that segments, and with sticks or stalks or poles, or in each squad or squadron men must form by lacking these, with bayonet and gun and ram- from sight, but precious in memory forever. two's in more or less harmonious domesticity, | rod lift the flexible sheet to the required angle, or lie unsheltered through the bowling storms. | and lo! the dwelling stands confessed, compact, Hasty, most hasty, and of all formalities and here were deep foundations laid of lasting frills devoid, the ablutions, the cooking, the friendships, and of most deadly, deathless | mastication, above all post-prandial ceremonies | than half the soldiery of the grand army of of dry dishwashery-one touch of water makes | the Union, it has been replaced by that low, the whole camp grin.

portico. The bay-window that biteth like a nocturnal hours, mocalit, starry, dark as black serpent and stingeth like a cactus, when the | bellocks of Galloway, or terrible with thunderbill comes in, was conspicuous by its non-ex- | bursts and drenching rain, and blowing of great istence. No fluted town-hall pillars decorated gunz. The camp sounds lull, not startle; the sentry's slow, rejuctant Amsterdam tramp; with sharp hooks and breathing pestilent mus- the electric inter-urban symphony of snorings manifold; the weird signals of the fond, melodious mule struggling with an anchylosis of into isosceles triangles, were its walis-nay, theracic articulation; the melancholy squeak vetoed were walls, indeed, save when in some of a belated sutler's wagon, grinding out its assent to the maxim that a linchnin in time normal altitude, like sliding-roof of clover | saves an axle; the hoot of discontented owl in concealment of branches not remote, or howl of breasted it up, four squares to all the gusts of expostulatory cur in distant farmyard. Soporific all this medley of celluloid resonance. No door-plate shimmered, purporting in provocative of screnest sleep, until the joyless gethic undecipherables to name the occupant, reveille shall come, summoning from irridescent dreams to another day of inglorious, un-

romantic toiling. Through the soft, drowsy Summer afternoons. in luscious dishabille of relaxation, born of pompous execrescence of chimneys, and their an assumed half-week's unthreatened encampsecessories, from the parlor-mantel, laden with | ment screnity, the recherche loungers in the sea-shells and aconite pellets, to the stove in | shelter tent delight in tutti-frutti visions of banished splendors and forsworn delights. smakeless combustion as unhopeful as courting | Those bright bichloride-of-gold days haunt us a grass-widow with an inchoate right of dower | still. The cribbed and coffined quarters expand into peopled vistas of epicurean magnificence, wherein the mirage of gorgeous furnishmentoes of much, but chiefest of those swelter- | ings alternates or mingles with the phantasm ing social hilarities where perspiration is un- of delicate potables. Cashmere, Bokkara, and confined, where heels smite corns on toes that | Khivan rugs bespread the marqueteric floors. grean again, and where French-plate diamonds | Ragonts supreme, and chow-chow, dinde glace, flash on palpitating bosoms perilously exposed | truffles, soquille, sorbet, terrapin, sauterne, cognac, and extra dry cover the beckoning

He sees priceless bijou of Louis Quinze bubl. Sevres, Limoges, Dalton and Royal Vienna; old, and to the young foolishness, here inter- | tressures of ormolu and ivory, rocco and Carmit their catalog of ambuscades. Thus was rara; wonders of faience and Satsuma; quaint assured to the asserted dwellers the security | carvings from Padua, Tokio, Delhi, and Antthat flows from being in, as it were, on the werp, deft in ebon or sandal, or teak and imground-floor-the peace past guessing that memorial oak. Here are poems in brass, arises from the certainty that no contractor can anthems in eternal bronze, pastorals in Dresden, mythologies in the grinning idols of Cellarless, as well, was this abode. No damp- Cathay, miracles in Gobelin and Daubisson.

Here are scimetar and faichion from the haling noxious fame, darting fatalities of ty- days of Lionheart, or damasque and inwrought phoid, diphtheretic or other polysyllabic form; with golden arabesque by fezzed wizards in no wet-walled breeding-ground of fungus; no Teheran. Here swing hangings more precious feculent antetype of perdition, that foul rep- than jewels, silk woven in the Caliphs' harems, tile den, where asps and anacondas of sin are or yellowing marvels of Chantilly; glowinghissing and writhing forever-no cellar, in fact, glories of Carot and Danbigny, Gerome, Vibert,

Ah, yes. Roast venison, fried chicken, stuffed oysters, broiled lobster, sausage with sour No walls of partition parceled off the shelter | kraut, beefsteak and onions, float and allure | tent into spaces conventionalized to peculiar and dazzle and tempt, in the soaring fancy of Secretary of the Executive Committee of the Higher education in the ministry is imperafunctions. Aristocracy of exclusion and seclu- | the dilettante militant, who, at a drum-tap or sion there was none, but broad and limpid a mule-bleat, is brought down to his cramped democracy of exposure to all curiousness, coarse environment with a dull thud. Blessed though searching as croton oil. Hence drawing. is the voluptuousness of reverie; blessed and room, boudoir and kitchen, oratory, refectory | cheap and safe as flirting by telephone with a and lavatory were all in one; but only in alter- centripetal divinity at the exchange, sweet-

From reseate fantasy to grim realism is a Area was not its boast. Take all the dwell- tumble sharp and sudden to the dreamer in the ings of all the spheres and minimize each shelter tent. His ormolu and bijouterie conthrough endless years, the shelter tent would sist of a deformed pocket mirror, and a foredilate them all. Therefore for partitions there shortened pipe black as bombazine grief. His was neither space nor need. Superfluous they floor is honest old earth, rugless, plankless, as a specie basis for the Chippewa currency of naked as a marble Venus and cold as New Engfive ponies for a squaw-ladicrously malapropos | land culture. His decorated couch of down as were pigs' feet and ham croquets at a rabbi's and carved mahogany, ebony inlaid, is superreception, or point lace and pearls at a charity | seded by a blanket and six fence-rails-rails quilled with keen splinters like the frightful No lightning-rod adorned its frowning ped- porcupine; blanket harboring fecund colonies | uniform at reduced figures. iment, lank and fatiguing reminder not alone of that fraternal insect whose tentacles are inof Ben Franklin, thrifty printer, and his kite, extricably entangled with every shuddering such as never was before in air or tree, but also recollection of army vicissitudes inescapable, of the glib and evanescent vendor whose mo- inexpungable, yet nameless here forever more. mopoly of all fascinations was only equaled His dresser of polished green malachite, silver by his absolute prostration of all moral attri- trimmed, shrinks to a surreptitious crackerbutes. That convoluted metallic insufficiency | box hiding certain confiscated edibles for which

find all that can legitimately represent in fact Thus negatively responsive to supremest the figments of our hero's appetizing hallunciattenuated anatomy, doubtful as the welcome Locks were forsworn and misfit keys un- of an uninvited visitor; sufficient unto the

frigerator were pardonably absent. Of venti- Here are the small white beans anhydrous, lation there was much, but the resounding true angel food, beloved of the cherubim, combats between register and radiator, the immortalized in song theme of interminable

and unthinkable acrimony of paper-shade fying as a high-church wedding service to a efflorescence vexed not with their abomina- middlings purifier heiress; here also the indetions. Of gutterage or sewer-trap no faintest | spensable coffee, and sugar wherewithal it shall be confected, twin relies of the homeland, less of nerve-paralysis was the electric bell's | sole reminder of the hearthstone ante bellum. incessant tinkle; sootheless to the senses was the Here is rice, nourishing to Buddha and Confucius, redolent of joss-house and bungalow, chief of staff of the life of languid anthropo-

phagi. Here are desiccated vegetables, culmination individual burden, and willingly borne for the of humiliation to nostril and stomach, a cross increased facility and certainty of bivouac, the | between a counter-irritant and a disinfectant; likewise concentrated milk, Queen Anne style, as unintelligible as the gospel of orthography, of crime or lifting a fear from a coward's soul. | ctymology, syntax and prosody, to a colored youth gorged with clandestine watermelon, All these, with frugal condiments and seasonresults as the withdrawal of guards from Con- ings, made lawful by the articles of war and niscences shines the federate poultry-coops and the obliteration of the acts thereto amendatory, the shaky unassuming crackerbox, chief of the snuggery's their owner's carned and relished respite. These constitute his tabulated assets, includ-

> ing capital, surplus, and undivided profits. The shelter tent was not immortal, at least in the concrete. If immortality is to be achieved Out into the crisp morning air or into the to windowed raggedness was its final aspect, Sioux tepee is to her star-eyed Athenian pro-

brow and muskallonge integument, who now | that percentage." in echelon at the thought of occupying such remaining veterans who interposed between

But the men who faced the hounding hate | cases?" shouted by luckless suitors, who married in Thus freighted with belligerent melange the expunge their records hide from the derision | Cure was the best, most effective and most re-

> Among these recollections is that of the contracted habitation, grander in its humility administered." now would be more precions to the eye of

symbol of much else whereon we might perhaps with gain philosophize, the humble but and traces of albumen were found. I advised priceless shelter tent was borne to the rendezvous by the glad warrior returning in examination without difficulty after having shelter tent! Matchless for adaptation, it is triumph, and legally mustered out. Its work used it." was done. No further seek its usufruct to discern. The receipt of the depot Quartermaster was its sole and all-sufficient obituary. our experience is the shelter tent-vanished With it went the golden age of the Republic; with it went our comradeship of trial and danger. After it came the new heaven and

Tattered and blackened, but serviceable still,

the new earth to our redeemed and regenerated | ties." country. It has gone. And already, for more green canopy whose curtain never outward

'DON'T GIVE UP THE SHIP!" Notes of the National Association, Naval

Veterans of the U. S. Rear-Admiral Commanding William S. Wells has issued General Order No. 4 from National Headquarters at New Haven, Coan., in which

these paragraphs occur: An unusual length of time has elapsed since issuing a previous Order; which, however, must not be interpreted as a lack of interest on the part of your commanding officer in your behalf; but it has not been necessary, as the correspondence with the different associations have been of such a satisfactory nature that nothing of special importance required a General Order. All is working well and harmonious in every direction, and we are daily adding to our numbers, and the zeal and interest has not abated. Since Order No. 3 charters have been issued to the Commodore Perry Naval Veteran Association, Cleveland, O.; Commander, A. B. Woodward, 90 Elton street, Cleveland, O.; Secretary, H. V. Garrett, 145 Water

street, Cleveland, O.; the Michigan Association of Naval Veterans, Detroit, Mich.; Commander, Henry Reany, 935 Congress street, Detroit, Mich.; Secretary, John G. Lewis, 321 National avenue, Detroit, Mich. The following nominations are confirmed: National Aids-R. S. Critchell, Major Block, Chicago, Ill., Farragut Naval Veteran Association, of Chicago; Geo. J. Pinkard, 313 Jackson street, New Orleans, Naval Veteran Association, the Gulf; Rob't McWilliams, 11 Rowland street, Detroit, Michigan Association of Naval Veterans; Wm. C. Jayred, East Cleveland, O., Commodore Perry Naval Veteran Association;

John S. Maxwell, Amsterdam, N. Y., Central New York Naval Veteran Association. Members of the National Executive Committee-L. G. Stebbins, 164 La Salle street, Chicago, Farragut Naval Veteran Association of Chicago; P. J. McMahon, 433 Manhattan Building, Chicago, Naval Veteran Association of the Gulf, New Orleans; John J. Witter, Fort Plain, N. Y., Central New York Veteran Association; T. B. Coleman, 174 Griswold street, Detroit,

Michigan Association of Naval Veterans. Cost of transportation from all parts of the country to Baltimore and Washington can be ascertained by addressing Commodore B. S. Osbon, 84 South street, or the local agents named in 26th National Encampment, has very kindly assigned headquarters for us in the City Hall Building in Washington, where we can meet, register, and ascertain addresses of former shipmates. A good band of music has been engaged by the Maryland Association to accompany us to Washington from Baltimore, and your commanding officer hopes the Baltimore parade may be duplicated in the Naval Divis-

ion in the Grand Parade in Washington. The new Constitution and Laws of the National Association are now being put into print, and will soon be issued. In a recent circular issued by Paymaster Fortier, you will observe the price of the National badge and button of recognition has been materially reduced and is now within the reach of all. The Paymaster is also prepared to furnish all equipments and a

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## RETAIN YOUR SENSES!

in an Asylum?

Some Interesting Facts From a Prominent Scientific Man Who Has Had a Most Valuable Experience.

[Chicago Journal.] We sometimes see in the papers a thrilling account of where a perfectly sane person has been confined in an asylum. Think of it, reader! How long would you retain your senses if you were confined with a number of lunatics. night and day, and yet think of the physicians in charge of these patients who are compelled, day by day and year by year, to live among appointments, prime factor in furnishing forth | them. What wonderful opportunities they We are brought to these reflections by a con-

163 State Street, Chicago, For nearly 10 years Dr. Spray was in charge of the Jefferson, now Dunning, Institute, at Dunning, Ill. This tremendous institute contained about 1,200 patients in the insane department, and 1,500 duty. Its texture was not indestructible. Worn | ailments. Dr. Spray, speaking about it, said: "I traced the great cause for most of the

may be, begrimed and soiled, march-stained | timate that 75 per cent. of the people in the so high, taking all ages into consideration. Before middle life it is less that 25 per cent., No matter. The statesman with pickere but after middle life, it is, I should think, fully

"This is something terrible, Doctor. Few

The Doctor thought a moment and then said: "It is a fact not generally recognized that at Boston. The ecclesiastical migronette and organs fail to perform their functions of removing the waste and the impurities from the systhe people would strike at the root of the matorders that may lead to blood-purchased victory | their coward forms and danger 30 years ago, | ter and see that their kidneys were in good or-Nothing but a hypodermic injection of bayo- lums. I have noticed that a large portion of standard and most reliable remedy in such

Dr. Spray spoke in great confidence. He said: "Having so many cases to treat, I tried various remedies, and after a long and exhaustprofound contempt. Let those who seek to | ive trial, finally decided that Warner's Safe at first, cured many cases. Before structural changes set in, it is certain to cure, if properly

"Has your experience while at the asylum. "Yes. I have occasion to use the Safe Cure

unacknowledged. A war-scarred relic of it I notice indications of nervous troubles, I analyze the urine, and almost invariably find that Safe Cure, and find that it is having the desired effect. Some time ago a gentleman came to me, who had beeen examined for life insurance, the use of the Safe Cure, and he passed the

"I understand, then, Doctor, that you attribute a large percentage of the ills of life to some disease of the kidneys, and that you have found Vanished from the receding perspective of the remedy of which you speak the most effective in such cases." "Yes. I have no hesitation in saying that

Warner's Safe Cure has my unqualified indorsement. I use it constantly, and would not do so unless I thought it possessed curative quali-

The high standing, wide experience and great success of Dr. Spray make his words exceedingly impressive. Their sincerity cannot be questioned, and their truthfulness is absolute. Impressed with this fact, and realizing the importance of the same, I have transcribed his words in full and give them herewith.

GENERAL CONFERENCE.

Methodists Convene in Omaha in Quadren-

At Omaha, Neb., May 2, the 21st Quadrennial General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church opened by Scripture reading by Bishop John P. Newman, followed by more religious service. The Secretary chosen was Dr. S. D. Monroe, of Pennsylvania. The old trouble between the lay and ministerial delegates came to the surface at once, and ended by the lay delegates securing separate seats, upon the matter being put to vote.

In the evening the delegates were given a reception by the Mayor and other city officials. The second day there was much wrangling over trivial matters. But at length a plan of organization was adopted, containing principally the provisions that there shall be 12 standing committees, as follows: Episcopacy, itinerary, boundaries, revisal, temporary needs of the church, missions, education, church extension, Sunday-schools and tracts, Freedmen's aid and work in the South; that each committee shall meet at the time and place ordered by the general conference and choose Chairmen and Secretaries under the supervision of a In the evening a great mass meeting was

held in the interest of church extension. More wrangling marked the opening of the session May 4. Then the committee were appointed. The Episcopal address was read by Bishop Foster. He stated that the past quadannum has been a prosperous one in the Church and that no Bishops had died. The Bishops have made more 'an 50,000 assignments of ministers and families, with but little dissatisfaction. Work in foreign fields has been given special care, and numerous visits by Bishops to foreign lands have been made with beneficial results. The book concerns of the Church are the largest in the world. There have been no dissensions in the Church, and there is more intelligence and less bigotry in the pulpit. The membership during the past four years has grown rapidly, and now numbers 2,292,694 communicants. Four hundred and forty-six thousand souls have been added to the Church during the four years by comparison with four years preceding. Contributions to all mis-General Order No. 3. Harrison Dingman, esq., sionary societies have increased \$334,130. tive, and no man should be allowed in our schools whose loyalty to the doctrine of our Church is not steadfest.

The Epworth League received great praise as a mediator between Sunday-school and church. It has in three years sprung up from nothing to 8,000 chapters, with 500,000 members. The National University at Washington is announced as a certainty, and liberal endowments asked for, millions being hecessary for its equipment. The Woman's College in Balti-

more was also commended. "The continuation of foreign languages and customs by immigrants in this country is wrong," the Bishop said, "and we are opposed to the teaching of foreign languages in our schools." Total abstinence is imperative. The centralization of wealth and the Chinese exclusion act was condemned. The report declared the union of church-

North and South-is drifting closer and closer. and the North still held out its hand of welcoming. The session of May 5 was taken up with motions and petty arguments, very little business being done besides the receiving and reference

of certain reporis. The first business of the next day was the report of Bishep Thoburn on missionary work in India and Malaysia. The Methodist Church, he said, was teaching and preaching the Gospel there in 13 different languages.

The next day the address of Bishop Taylor, of Africa, on evangelization in Africa. His plan was to establish mission farms, stock them with the necessary tools and implements, and place on them a number of boys and girls, equally divided, and teach them the Christian religion in addition to agriculture and industry. When they grew up they would pair in wedlock and thus build up Christian communities, and, finally, a Christian dominion. Parliamentary tactics stole the time for the

rest of the session. Women and dancing agitated the reverend brethren on Monday. The women's question was sprung in the form of a resolution by J. B. while exciting much interest, was referred un-

Could You If You Were Confined | der the rules without discussion. A member from the Troy Conference petitioned the General Conference to expunge from the Discipline section 242, relating to amusements, or at least so modify it as to permit dancing. It was referred. Amos Shinkle offered a resolution to fix the

> May 16. It was amended so as to read Tuesday, May 17, and was carried. Dr. J. M. King, of New York, a leading candidate for the episcopacy, offered a resolution for a proposed amendment to the Constitution of the United States. It relates to the protection of the public schools in the United States against religious encroachments, and to define the attitude of the churches with relation to the schools. The resolution was adopted and

time for the election of officers for Monday,

applanded. Dr. King offered another resolution, declaring that the appropriation of money by the National Government for ecclesiastical education was not in accord with the principles of the Constitution, and the churches should refuse to receive money from the Government for the education of the Indians. Dr. King spoke earnestly on the subject, stating that all the in the infirmary. Among this large number of | churches had been getting assistance from the Government in their Indian work. He believed that it was a wrong principle. The Catholic Church, he said, had received over \$2,000,000. He wanted the whole contract system between the Government and the churches wiped out. The resolution was car-

Italian Crisis.

In the Chamber of Deputies at Rome on May 5, the Government demanded a vote of confidence on its financial program, which included a heavy reduction in the credits to be devoted to military and naval expenditures. A long and heated debate followed. When the question was put to vote the Government was defeated by eight votes.

Premier Rudini tendered King Humbert the resignations of himself and Cabinet. It is universally admitted that a change of principles as well as of ministers is necessary, and the present phase of the situation points to the withdrawal of Italy from the Triple Alliance on account of her inevitable decrease of armament.

At this writing no Cabinet has been made up. All Europe is anxiously awaiting the situa-

# MYSTERY.

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"Quiet, calm deliberation itangles every kn -THE GONDOLIERS.

JO MULLINS.

Mr. Mullins was born on Aug. 27, 1858, and was bred a farmer. He had the advantages of a liberal education in the County schools, which was Glasgow, Mo. Here he studied astronomy under the tutelage of C. W. and H. S. Pritchett, and science under a pupil of Agassiz, in 1877, '78, '79, and '80. Not finishing the prescribed course he received no degree; but a pro meritas degree was conferred on him in 1890. His puzzleistic career began in 1858, and continued in juvenile journals until Micawber's "Cerebrations" listed him with the professionals in 1884. In conjunction with A. C. Grissom (Romero) the



Rochelle, Ruthven and Adonis he was developed into a solver of note, winning in 1886 a silver medal from Ed Ward for the greatest number of solutions sent to 90 pozzles, Later, he tied K. T. Did and Alexander for the gold meda which Ruta Baga offered and forgot to pay. He sent solutions regularly to all the departments that came to him, and has added about 130 squares to the list. About half of the Q squares that have appeared have been over his name, so he is responsible in consequence for

field was widened, and by

much swearing by solvers. Mr. Mailins was married in 1881, and with the years, responsibilities have increased so that his favorite pastime must be neglected to some extent, as well as his puzzletstic correspondence. Being at the present time a farmer (and a real one, not of the kid-gloved variety), schoolmaster, Sunday-school Superintendent, church clerk, secretary of two Republican clubs and a local and township organization, a delegate to County and State political conventions, and a writer for the press, of whom it is said "as a political statistician he has no superior in the County," he finds a wide and widening field of labor that infringes upon the time once given to Puzziedom, but to which the Mystic Art has sent him equipped for rapid, thorough and accurate work. The Republican clubs of Saline County, Mo., formed a League on the 23d uitimo, and conferred the Presidency upon Mr. Mullins. He is the son of a soldier and brother of a Past Commander of Estic Post, one of the strongest and most active Posts of central Missouri; hence, it is natural that the puzzle column of THE NA-TIONAL TRIBUNE should number him among its firmest friends and supporters.

ANSWERS TO PUZZLES IN NO. 40. 377-Storge; gestor. 378-ASIARCH HASTATE SINCERE ATTUNED STERILE ACADEME REVELER ANIMIST CREMERA TELESIA HEDERAL EDENTAL 280-After-thought. PALINODE CATALINE BALANITE CAROLINE MALONATE PEDIMANE 382-Seaming: enigmas. 383-GLENCOVE FACELESS LANIATES ATALANTA ENACTORS CALENDER ELECTERS CATONIAN LANTERNE OTOLITIC ENDERLIN VERLAINE ESSENCES SARSENET 385-H-old. YEZDEGERDIAN HERBARIANS ENCASE SICE

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Maxwell, of Nebraska, asking that they be admitted to full participation in the doings of the General Mission Committee. The resolution, M. C. S., F. Aitchell, R. O. Chester, Lucie, Odoncer, Tunsie, Jo Mullins, Stocles, Mrs. G. P. C., B. Ver, Phonog. -34. Total, 35.

> PRIZE WINNERS. 1. Stocles, Mt. Vernon, Ill. 2. Tunste, Sylvania, Ga.

NEW PUZZLES,-NO. 46. NO. 439-CURTAILMENT. 'Tis a fashion, it's said, Of the toilers FIRST bread

To ALL unions of every description, For fighting the powers, Or short'ning the hours, Or, in Ireland, for stopping eviction. And the leaders, some say,

Must have their own way, And of the whole world have a lease Should they ever be stayed, Or blocked or dismayed, They'd blow up the earth piece by piece.
-Magnotta, Plymouth, Mass.

NO. 440-HEXAGON. 1. The state of an anchor, when, in heaving it an acute angle is formed between the cable and the surface of the water. 2. Beds of oysters. 3. Slopes. 4. Certain earths. 5. P. O., Washtenau Co., Mich. 6. Counsellors. 7. Town of France, in Vosges. 8. Disseminated. 9. Town of Wurtemburg. -ALEXANDER, West Gray, Me.

NO. 441-CHARADE.

As I was sauntering down the street A uniformed laddle I chanced to meet; A First o'er his shoulder was loosely flung. But only one LAST in his hand he swung. He halted before me—his stay was brief— For he seemed in a hurry to catch a thief; Then, when he could his speech command, He put me this question: "Sir, I pray,

Has any boy, who in his hand Carried a TOTAL, passed this way? With one of my pair he made too free,-The rescal has left me only one; And, like Othello, don't you see, I'm useless,-my occupation's gone." The poor little fellow ran off with a howl. Bemoaning his TOTAL-"the leg of a fowl,"

NO. 442-HALF SQUARE. 1. A letter. 2. Denoting two atoms. 3. F sharp. Century.) 4. A die used for shaping metals, 5. A mixture of viands, 6. To lecture, 7. A pros-trate fliform stem. 8. Bolognese painter, 1600-1652, 9. Formerly, a judge among miners. 10. Italian landscape painter, 18th century, 11. Makes uneasy. 12. The spirit of dissenters.

-NYAS, Washington, D. C.

-T. HINKER, Bangor, Pa. NO. 443-REVERSAL. She was a stage-struck maid Who thought she'd scintillate

In the dramatic sky Till all the world should rate Her as a brilliant one Of the first magnitude; So gayly tripped upon

The stage, without prelude.

She essayed Juliet. Parthenia, Rosalind. She thought that anyone Could act, if so inclined. The boys thought different

The spirit of her dream; Upon her face no more The ruddy footlights gleam.

As at her feet they threw,

Not flowers, but ripened erres.

And rudely shouted, "TWO,"

All cannot shine as ones This lesson she's learned well; She's washing dishes now In a second-class hotel. -ZENITH, Rochester, N. Y.

NO. 444-OBLIQUE RECTANGLE. 1. A letter, 2. Brother, 3. A preparation of apsicum, burnt sugar, etc. 4. Struck. 5. Large, resh-water, food fishes. 6. Non-vocal consonants. . Circumscribed swellings, 8. Borosilicates of lime. 9. Spreads. 10. Extremely wicked. II. Swimming legs, 12, Withdrawal, 13, Men of extraordinary physical strength. 14. River of northwest Germany. 15. Town of Spain. 16. A letter.

-ITAMI, Jersey City, N. J. NO. 445-REVERSAL. Frost on the window pane, children's delight; Beautiful ferns so daintly traced Cluster 'neath trees of murvelous hight, Houses and towers just everywhere placed. Bridges and castles with turrers and moats, Birds on the wing and birds in the nest, Rivers where oarsmen are rowing their boals, Bushes and sedges, and PRIMES with the rest. Flowers and grasses and children at play, Last on the billside so timid and slight, Sleighs drawn by horses we almost hear neigh.

Challenging man to rival his hand: But to him, when he seeks it, the method seems

Prancing and bounding with equinal might.

O, a wonderful artist is old Jack Frost,

Magic never responds to his earnest demand. -FRANTZ, Binghamton, N. Y. NO. 446-RIGHT RHOMBOID. Across: 1. Washed with a preparation of white end. 2. Moves hastily. 3. Earned by service. 4. Baleful. 5. A tent or pledget for wounds or ulcers.

6. One who tarnishes. 7. To be careless.

Down: 1. A letter. 2. An expression of inquiry, 3. Odd. 4. Employs. 5. To dismantle, 6. Cuts off. 7. Catches. 8. Pertaining to rows. 9. A for-

mer country of Europe. 10. Flax. 11. To suffer. 12. A musical syllable. 13. A letter. -G. WHIZZ, Belton, Tex.

Oliver Oldbuck, Puzzledom's genial philosopher, is no more. In the early hours of the new May morn his spirit took its flight. Funeral services were held at his late home, at Bath Beach, N. Y. on the evening of May 2d, and were attended by the President and several members of the Eastern Puzzlers' League. His body now rests in the little churchyard by the sea, and will be taken to Louisville, Ky., for final interment, Although he was unable to attend to business for nearly two years, and the outcome of his maindy was not unexpected, still the tidings of his death come as a saddening blow to his many friends in Puzzledom. His participation in mystic affairs was comparatively short, when measured by years, but his scholarly and well-trained mind, buoyant enthusiasm and ready pen soon made him a power in our little world, honored and respected by all, and his loss will be deeply mourned. It is pleasant to record that the art for which he did so much contributed in no small degree to lessen the sufferings of a long and painful disease. Loss of sight compelled the laying aside of reference books during the latter half of his illness, but his brain was ever active. His article on "The True Enigmatic Essence" in the Holiday Study was written during a particularly painful attack; and his charade, probably the last product of his pen (published in

SAMUEL GWYN.

sit up or use the pen. He was always active in Eastern Puzzlers' League affairs, and proposed the change in publishing the official organ which has resulted in placing it before its members more promptly than ever before the proceedings of the Conventions. It is not the purpose of the writer to discuss at length the many features of his puzzle work; let that be the pleasure of an abler pen. These poor words are but an humble tribute to one whom we honored as a friend while living and now sincerely mourn. -PHIL DOWN.

the March Study), was composed after another prostrating attack, and while he was too weak to

CHAT WITH CONTRIBUTORS.

Jack O'Lantern and T. Hinker have favored us with contributions during the week that are unsuitable for the waste-basket .- During the last month the following newcomers have been welcomed: Ko Rect, C. Lam, Mediker, Kate K. Collins, S. A. D., Florence E. Booth, Mrs. John McGinn, Mrs. J. W. Sears, Roland, Violet, Miss Amy R. Hall, Charley Boy, Ysabel, Ahtreb, N. Igma, Miles W. Johnston, W. C. Beck and R. A. Prall, "Mystery" continues to attract widespread attention, and is destined to become a necessity to every wide-awake puzzler in search of the spiciest, latest news and the most original puzzle column of the day .- Nvas would like to have an answer to the following: "How may the figures 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, be placed so that their sum will be 100?" For the first correct answer received we will give a bound book .- H. S. Nut still further astonishes the fraternity by presenting in the last number of "Perplexities" a square with 11 definitions. What next?--- No. 439 was originally contributed to R. O. Chester's Journal, but never used therein .- Friend Tunste, in the "Sphinx," opens his heart to the extent of 36 cents, offering 12 postals for each of the best squares, diamonds and flats. The "vailed monument" puzzle by Aspiro, recently published in Tunste's "Mystic Maze," is about the poorest attempt we have seen for some time. It was composed largely of such words as "enerve," "sesses," and others long since tabooed by the average puzzler .- The Key for May has been received. It contains seven eight-squares by Holt and three pages of interesting musings of Kosciusko McGinty. It is with sincere regret that we note the intended suspension of the Key after the issuance of the July number. During his long editorial career. Sphinx has done much to advance the standard of Puzzledom, and the loss of the Key will be keenly felt by all .-- We shall soon inaugurate

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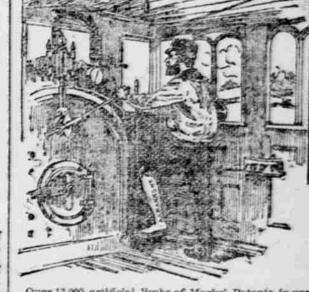
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